PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

Date: October 29, 2008   Number: 08-09

Subject: New Program Standards for Programs Leading to
            Bilingual Authorization

Summary:
This notice is to alert BCLAD programs about the new bilingual program standards and to address related implementation timelines and processes. The bilingual standards were approved by the Commission on January 31, 2008. Since AB 1871 (Coto) was signed by the Governor, programs can now begin to be developed to meet the standards adopted by the Commission.

Key Provisions:
The bilingual program standards have been designed to address current research and methodologies in bilingual education, such as dual immersion programs. In addition, AB 1871 (Coto) provided for a variety of pathways to bilingual authorization--concurrent completion with a 2042 program, completion after initial credentialing, completion of a program, examination, or a combination of both. The Commission will accept program documents for review beginning in January 2009. The program standards are available on the Commission's web site at:
http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-01/2008-01-2E.pdf

Two **technical assistance meetings** will be held to assist program sponsors in developing programs that meet the Bilingual Program Standards. The first meeting will be held at the Commission Offices in Sacramento on Nov. 21. This meeting will be web broadcast and archived for future reference. The second meeting will be held at the University of California, Riverside on Nov. 25. Registration information for those meetings can be found on page 4 of this Program Sponsor Alert.

In December, the following items will be published on the Commission website:
1. A handbook that will include the standards, submission guidelines and information on the review process will be posted to the Commission website in December.
2. Applications for those who would like to be considered for the review panel that will read the program proposals will be posted in December as well. Each proposed program will be reviewed by individuals who have been oriented and calibrated to understand the standards and the documentation to show that the proposed program meets the standards.
3. Coded Correspondence will further clarify credentialing procedures for bilingual authorization under the new program standards.

Programs will be notified when the information becomes available as well as links to the web pages via PSD News.

Important Dates:

Activity	Date
Adoption of the proposed standards by the Commission	January 2008
Program planning and revision activities; document preparation begins	October 2008
AB 1871 (Coto) takes effect	January 1, 2009
Process for review of institutional program documents submitted for approval, including training program reviewers	January 2009 and ongoing
COA approval of revised programs for bilingual authorization	April 2009 and ongoing
Last date to accept an individual into the program approved under the Bilingual emphasis program standards	December 31, 2010 or when the revised program is approved by the COA, whichever occurs first
Programs that have not been approved under the revised Bilingual Program Standards (2008) are no longer approved programs	December 31, 2011

Transition to New Programs:
After a new bilingual preparation program is approved the institution may no longer accept candidates to the old BCLAD program. Candidates already enrolled in the current programs may transition to the new program as soon as it is approved. Candidates who wish to complete the old program requirements may do so as long as the program sponsor continues to provide the old program or until December 31, 2011 whichever comes first.

Survey of Interest in Bilingual Authorization Programs
Please complete the following page that will provide information about the numbers of programs that are considering submitting programs and approximate dates for submission. The information noted is not a commitment, but an initial survey of interest.

Contact Information:
Jo Birdsell at jbirdsell@ctc.ca.gov or 916-662-4572

Bilingual Program Information Survey

Please complete the following:

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Sponsor

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Contact Name

_____

Phone

_____

e-mail

Currently we:

_____Plan to submit a program leading to bilingual authorization

*We expect the submission to be sent to the CTC in the month/year:*_____

_____Are considering submitting a program leading to bilingual authorization

*We expect to make a decision in the month/year:*_____

_____We are not planning to submit a program leading to bilingual authorization at this time and understand that our current BCLAD Emphasis program will expire as of December 31, 2011.

Please return this information by **December 19, 2008** to Jo Birdsell
By e-mail:
jbirdsell@ctc.ca.gov

or by fax:
916-324-8927

Thank you.

BILINGUAL AUTHORIZATION STANDARDS
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MEETINGS
REGISTRATION FORM

The Commission is holding two Technical Assistance Meetings on standards for programs leading to bilingual authorization in November 2008 – one at the Commission offices in Sacramento and one at the University of California, Riverside. The Sacramento meeting will also be available simultaneously via web broadcast and individuals may choose to participate in this manner. The meeting will review the standards, ideas for program development and guidelines for submission.

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YES! I would like to register for the Technical Assistance Meeting on Bilingual Authorization Standards.

Name _____

Title _____

Institution/Program Sponsor _____

E-mail Address _____

I will attend the session checked below:
Friday, November 21, 2008 - 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
In person, Commission Office, Sacramento, CA   _____

Via Webcast   _____

Tuesday, November 25, 2008 - 10 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
University of California, Riverside   _____

Please e-mail your registration form to CTCMeetingRSVP@ctc.ca.gov.
Once registered, additional information will be e-mailed to you as the date for the meeting approaches.